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ABSTRACT OF THE PATENT

Granted by

His Majesty King *GEORGE*,

TO

Benj. Okell, the Inventor of a Medicine,
call'd, *Dr. Bateman's Pectoral Drops*,
and to *J. Cluer*, *R. Raikes* and *W. Dicey*,
the Persons concerned with the said
-Inventor, that they may enjoy the
sole Benefit of the said Medicine.



L O N D O N,

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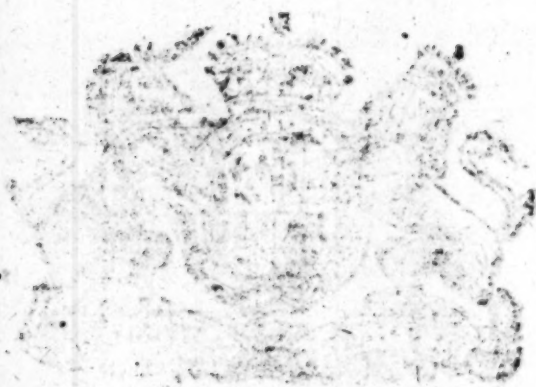
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His Majesty King George

TO
John Galt, the Inventor of a Medicine
for the Cure of the Venereal Disease
and for the Cure of the Gout and
all Persons concerned with the said
Invention that they may enjoy the
Benefit of the said Medicine



IN WITNESS WHEREOF
I have hereunto set my hand and
the Great Seal of Great Britain
this 22nd day of May 1757

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GEORGE, By the Grace of GOD,
 of Great-Britain, France and Ireland,
 King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To
 all to whom these Presents shall come,
 Greeting:

WHEREAS our Trusty and Well-beloved
Benjamin Okell, by means of his Studies, &c.
 hath, among many other curious Improvements,
 found out and brought to Perfection a Chymical
 Preparation and Medicine, which he calls *Dr.*
Bateman's Pectoral Drops, working chiefly by mo-
 derate Sweat and Urine, it exceeding all other
 Medicines yet found out for the Rheumatism, is
 highly useful under the Afflictions of the Stone
 and Gravel, Pains, Agues, Colds, and all Ailments
 of the Breast, as multitudes of our Subjects have
 experienced; and as the said *Benjamin Okell* is the
 sole Inventor of the said Medicine; And We be-
 ing willing to give Encouragement to all Arts and
 Inventions that may tend to the Publick Good:

' Know ye therefore, That We of Our special
 Grace and certain Knowledge, do grant unto the
 said *Benjamin Okell*, and the Persons concern'd with
 him, and every of them, especial Licenle, full
 Power, and Authority. by his or their Deputies,
 or such others as they shall at any time agree with,
 and no others, to make and vend the said Medicine.

' And to the End that the said *Benjamin Okell*,
 and the Persons concern'd with him may enjoy the
 full and sole Benefit, according to our Gracious In-
 tention, We do by these Presents, for us and our
 Heirs, require and strictly command all and every

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Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate,
 and all other our Subjects whatsoever, &c. That
 they neither directly nor indirectly do make use of
 and put in Practice the said Invention; nor in any
 wise COUNTERFEIT, IMITATE, or RE-
 SEMBLE the same; nor make or cause to be made
 any Addition thereunto or Substraction from the
 same, without the License of the said Benjamin
 Okell, and the Persons concern'd with him, &c. up-
 on such Pains and Penalties as may be justly in-
 flicted on such Offenders for their Contempt of this
 our Royal Command; and further to be answerable
 to the said Benjamin Okell, and the Persons concern'd
 with him according to Law, for his or their Da-
 mage thereby occasion'd. In witness whereof we
 have caused these our Letters to be made Patents.

Witness our self at *Westminster* the 31st Day of
March, in the Twelfth Year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,

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N. B. Not only those who Counterfeit this Me-
 dicine, by imitating or resembling the same, or by
 adding to or subtracting from it, but those who sell
 a Counterfeit, will be prosecuted in the High Court
 of Chancery for the same; therefore this Notice is
 given that unwary Shopkeepers may not be brought
 into a Premunire.

Ten Guineas Reward will be given to any one
 that shall discover any Person that Counterfeits this
 Medicine, or sells a Counterfeit.

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Short T R E A T I S E

OF THE

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O F

Dr. *B A T E M A N*'s

Pectoral Drops:

The Nature of the Distempers They
Cure, and the Manner of Their Operation.

Publish'd by the *K I N G*'s Letters Patents under
the Great Seal of *Great Britain*.

The Seal of



each Bottle.

Any Shopkeeper &c. may be furnish'd with
these Drops, with good Allowance to sell again, directing a
Letter, or sending the Carrier, to *J. Cluer* in *Bow Church-*
Yard, who is the only Person that sells the same Wholesale
in *London*: They are also sold Wholesale by *W. Dicey* in
Northampton, and *R. Raikes* in *Gloucester*.

The INTRODUCTION.



AS the Universal Good of Mankind is, or, at least, ought to be, as well the particular End of every private Member of that large Community, as the more general Aim and Ambition of all publick Societies; it consequently follows, That all Actions, Designs, and Inventions, tending mediately, or immediately, to the promoting that great and glorious Design, must, in themselves, be essentially good, and therefore Praise-worthy; and to be encourag'd and supported by all those who, partaking of that Nature, are in a Capacity to receive the Benefit and Advantage of such Undertakings: And if so, as there is no Blessing in the Treasure of Providence of so true and inestimable a Value as HEALTH, which (as a good Ground in a Consort of Musick, modulates and forms the Variety of Sounds, into a most agreeable and delightful Harmony) is the very Basis and Foundation of all other subordinate Pleasures, Delights and Satisfactions, so, on Course, the promoting, preserving, or, if lost, restoring so precious a Jewel, must necessarily be one of the principal and most acceptable Designs in the Latitude of humane Application; and, as such, worthy the Encouragement and Approbation of every one, who is desirous of advancing the Good of his Country, without this Consideration, (which, nevertheless, may be an accidental, additional Motive) That himself may, at one time or other probably stand in need of so great and useful a Benefit.

Now of all the numerous Train of Diseases of all the vast Variety of Distempers, which at any Time affect the human System, there are none more to be dreaded, none harder to be by Art remov'd, and, what is worst of all, none more Epidemical, than the Gout, the Rheumatism, the Stone, the Jaundice, and Asthma's; not to mention the more accidental, tho' frequently fatal Attacks, which Colds, Surfeits, Agues, Fevers, Colics, Pleurifies, Melancholy, Rickets, and a Thousand other Distempers, arising from Crudities, Flatulities, and a Thousand other different Causes, make upon our Constitutions; each of which, if not timely and strongly repell'd, is sufficient to subvert, and at length wholly destroy the Order and Method of the Animal Oeconomy; and thereby procure our certain, hasty, and, probably, unprovided Dissolution from the Life, which it is our great and main Care and Study to preserve and prolong; which Repulse can no how better, nor more effectually be made, than by the Speedy Application of such Remedies as are best calculated to resist, break, absorb, and expel the noxious Particles of the morbid Matter, whose Mixture with the Particles of the Blood, and violent Attraction

traction of one another, causing irregular Circulation, unequal and languid Motion, viscid Grumes, unnatural Rarefactions, rapid Collisions, or violent Impetus therein, or other how altering the Quality, disturbing the free Circulation, or disordering the natural Texture and Moment of that Fluid, necessary for the Support and Preservation of Health and Life; do by the Means give Birth to the most fatal and acute Distempers, and dispersing themselves and their dire Effects thro' all the Vessels and Channels of the Body, do in Time, if not speedily and vigorously repell'd, impair, corrupt, and destroy the Solids also, and lay the Foundation of all those grievous and almost incurable Chronic Diseases, whereof some wretched Part, or other of Man-kind is daily and hourly complaining; among whom not a few prolong their Misery, or hasten their End, by a tedious, unprofitable Course of Methodical Experiments; whereby they rather pall and weaken Nature, than relieve and restore her; being resolv'd, as I have often heard them express themselves, To dye by the Hands of the Learned: While others, out of a contrary Prejudice to all Means in general, perish for want of a timely Application of such Remedies, as the Piety, Learning, and Industry of some private Person, inspir'd with the Love of his Country, and Good of Mankind, has, with great Pains and Labour, found out, and produced to the World, as a more near, immediate, and effectual Preserver and Restorer of that Health they seem so desirous to obtain, yet are so backward and unwilling to procure, tho', by that Means, attainable with very little Trouble, and less Charge.

Among which Productions, for the Good of Mankind, and cheap and easy attaining, restoring, and preserving of Health, there never yet has been any Thing made known to the World of that prodigious and almost incredible Virtue and Efficacy, as

DR. BATEMAN'S PECTORAL DROPS,

which are justly to be preferr'd to, and distinguish'd from all others, for their wonderful, and almost infallable Effects, not only in Colds, Agues, Fevers, Colics, Melancholy, and Rickets; but also in curing those great and implacable Enemies of our Health and Ease, the Gout, Rheumatism, Jaundice, Stone, Gravel, and Astma's. But before I can enter upon an Explanation of their Use and Manner of operating in all these several Cases, I will, previous thereto, lay before you in short, the Nature, Cause, Rise, and Progress of those Distempers; whereby you shall yourselves be able to judge of the Efficacy of these Drops in relieving them: In doing whereof, I shall not abuse your Patience, as is too commonly done, with improbable Conjectures, incoherent Notions, unnatural Opinions, and fantastical Inventions of the ignorant and unlearn'd Pretenders to Physick; but I shall deliver you the plain and undoubted Judgments, Decisions and Opinions of the best and most approv'd Physicians and Philosophers, both ancient and modern, such as Hippocrates, Serapion, Averrois, Galen, Sydenham, Radcliffe, Keil, Quincey, and others of indisputed Authority and Reputation in the Arcana of Nature. And first of the GOUT.

C H A P. I. *Of the GOUT.*

THIS is a Distemper of that inveterate and malignant Nature, as to be a continual Foil and Reproach to the best Physicians of all Ages: No Method of Physic, Diet or Habit, however regular, reasonable and orderly; no Prescriptions, tho' bearing the specious and plausible Sanction of Academic Graduate, and Collegiate Learning, being able to give a Turn to this Distemper, or reach its secret Recesses; for, returning into the Extremities of the fine Capillary Vessels, where, by reason of the unequal Celerity and languid Motion of the Blood in those Parts, its venomous Particles are suffer'd to attract one another with great Violence: It bids Defiance to all their Art, and will oftner yield to one lucky Nostrum, than all the repeated Assaults of what they call Regular Practice, which is never more ineffectual and at a Loss, than in this Case; and more especially, if that Nostrum be prepared as These Drops are, for such a Species of Simples as are capable of being render'd, by such Preparation, fit to pierce the very inmost nervous Colls, increase the Imperus of the Vital and Animal Fluids, and follow the Particles of the morbid Matter thro' all the fine Meanders of the Blood, till having disturb'd their Attraction, and broke them, by repeated Collisions, one against another, into the minutest Parts, it forces most of them thro' the Pores of the Body by Perspiration, obtunding, absorbing, and carrying the rest away with it in its Course, till arriving at the Kidneys, they are secreted there from the Blood, and pass away by Urine. All which Operations, These Drops to a Miracle perform, by Virtue of their Diaphoretic, Absorbent, and Detergent Qualities; opening at once all the Emunctories of the Body, and forcing off, through them, the very Root and Basis of the Distemper they are to cure; and that this is the only effectual, rational Method of treating this obstinate Distemper the Gout, I appeal to that great Searcher of Nature, Dr. Sydenham, who says, Whatsoever is assistant in discharging the foul, vicious Humours, out of the Body, can never fail of answering the Intention of Cure for which it is design'd, whether in the Gout, Rheumatism, or any other Cronic Distemper. And his Authority, I should think, ought not reasonably to be disputed in the Cure of this Distemper, whom, not only a vast Stock of acquir'd Learning, together with a prodigious natural Capacity, improv'd by long and great Practice, and Experience upon Others; but also a continued and unconquerable Gouty Habit in his own Body, confirm'd in this Opinion, That there was no other Method of treating this terrible Distemper; which is also confirm'd by what those two admiral Physicians, Dr. Keile, and Dr. Quincey, have told us concerning the Cause of it; which, say they, is created by the mucilaginous

inous Glands in the Joints becoming gritty and stiff, by Means of sharp acid Humour flowing thereon, which, coagulating the oily Liquor secreted by them for lubricating the Ends of the Bones at their several Articulations, to render them apt and ready for Motion, makes it, instead of promoting and assisting that Motion, impend, and prevent it, by clogging the Interstices so that they cannot move at all, at least, not without very great Pain, hard'ning, by Degrees, into white, chalky, gritty Stones, which are forced to be cut, or otherwise taken out by Art, from the Joints of the Hands and Feet of the miserable Patient, as daily Experience manifests.

Now you are to observe, That the Particles which compose this sharp acid Humour, are surrounded with little pointed Needles, which wound and irritate the Vessels thro' which they move, and the very Globules of the Blood itself, beating and coagulating thereby any Fluid with which they mix; but these being either obtunded and blunted, and the Points of them, as it were, sheath'd and wrap'd up in some of the Particles of this Medicine, or else drove violently against one another with a Force sufficiently to break off those little pointed Spears, and render them capable of flying off by Perspiration by others; or else so disturb'd and separated by this new Auxillary Force, that they cannot attract one another, but unwillingly disperse themselves in the Blood, and are many of them secreted and carried off by Urine; This, I say, must necessarily answer the Intention of Cure; for by this Means they are render'd incapable of irritating, loading, or coagulating any of the Fluids; and then, on Course, the Distemper before caus'd by them, must by Degrees abate, and at length absolutely cease. To which Ends and Purposes, These Drops are so excellently adapted and prepar'd, and are in their Nature so very Absorbent, Detergent and Diaphoretic, that it is morally impossible they should fail of working a Cure, which can only be perform'd by the joint Operation of those three Qualities, which are scarce to be met with, in any considerable Degree, in any one Medicine in the World, but This alone.

But, perhaps, some who understand no more of this Distemper than the Pain and Torture it gives them, will say, That, probably in the former Stage of this Distemper, these Drops may be effectual; but, say they, mine is in my Stomach, Bowels, &c. and they will not be able to reach it there. But how weak and trivial an Objection this is, will appear from a Reflection upon this Phase of the Gout, which is only caus'd by a Weakness and debility of Nature, thro' frequent Debauches, hard Drinking, long Courses of useless Physic, &c. whereby the Imperus of the Blood becomes so weak and languid, and its Motion so slow and irregular, as to permit the morbid Particles to attract one another in the Blood Vessels of those Parts, which can only be remedied by such Things as warm and increase the Blood's intestine Motion, so breaking and disturbing the Attraction of the venomous Particles, and sending them back again to the extrem Parts, where they are to be treated as before: For which Purpose, nothing in Nature can be better fitted than These Drops,

Drops, which have such a fine invigorating Alexiterial Property in them, as to render them one of the best Cardiacs in the whole Materia Medica.

THE Dose, in the former Phase of the Distemper, is a large Spoonful, in any warm Vehicle, as Mountain Wine, strong Ale, &c. made as hot as you can drink it, repeated three Nights successively going to Bed, and, by the Blessing of God, you need not fear Failure.

But in the latter Phase, where the morbid Matter is not only to be repelled, but the faint and languid State of Nature enliven'd, and invigorated, it is necessary that you increase your Dose as the Cause may require, in any warm Vehicle, as before; composing yourself after it, and encouraging the Sweat by all proper Methods.

After this, in order effectually to rout this most terrible Enemy, it is necessary you continue to take a small Dose of about 100, or 150 Drops, every Three Nights alternately; taking three Nights, and missing three Nights; till such time as you find the Strength of the Distemper to abate, which it will sensibly do in a small time, and at length quite go off.

Instances of the Cure of this Distemper, by These Drops, might be given in great Numbers, from Persons of undoubted Credit, and Reputation, on enquiry, would satisfy the Curious of their wonderful Effect in that Intention; but not being willing to tire the Reader, and these Drops by their continual Success, so strongly recommending themselves; I shall out of a very great multitude only trouble you with a few, as you will find at the end of this Treatise.

CHAP. II. Of the Rheumatism.

HAVING in the foregoing Chapter, been so very particular in describing the Origin, Nature, Rise, Progress and Cure of the Gout; there will be the less need of enlarging in this upon a Distemper, so near a kin to it as the Rheumatism; even so near, as, in many Constitutions, to be owing to the same Cause, with this only Difference in the Effect, that as the former preys chiefly upon the Joints, and extream parts of the Body; This, for the most part affects the Membrana communis Musculorum, or rather, to speak more properly, the Membrana adiposa; at least that part of it which lyes between the Muscles, and the Cutis, and is the Basis of the Cellulæ adiposa; being full of small, fine Glands for the secretion of that Oily, Sulphureous Matter, of which the Adeps or Fat is composed, which Sulphureous Oil being coagulated, by the same means, says a learned Author, and from the same Causes, as the Juices of the Mucilaginous glands in the Joints, are in the Gout; that is to say, from the Attraction of sharp, acid Particles, secreted from a viscous Blood; this Membrane, in which those Glandulæ adiposæ are situated, becomes stiff, harsh and rigid, and unapt for Motion, the Oil which those Glands continually discharge for lubricating the Muscles, being all turn'd by Coagulation into a stizey thick Jelly: So that every time the Muscle or Muscles, round which that part of this Membrane is wrap'd, contract, in order to perform Muscular Motion; they are,

re, instead of being assisted therein by that lubricating Oil, impeded and confin'd by the stiffness of the Coagulum, and the Rigidity and harshness of the surrounding Membrane, 'till, by force of the nervous fluid flowing into the Fibres, and extending them in the Contraction, they force it to give way; which is not without great Pain, and consequent Weakness and Soreness of that Part: Not to mention the Pains caused by the unnatural Distentions of the Vessels, from the Quantity of Viscid Serum obstructing them and hindring the free Circulation of the Blood; especially in the fine Capillary Channels, without a considerable Dilatation; from whence, not seldom proceed Asthma's, Pleurisies, Peripneumonys, Inflammations, Fevers and Death.

This is only to be remedy'd by Diluents and Evacuating Medicines, as in the Gout; but not by any common Evacuators; many or most of which weaken Nature too much in their Operations, and being us'd without proper Diluents, will evaporate all the real natural Serum, and leave nothing but a sort of Serous Jelly in the Blood; which thereupon will either immediately Stagnate, or Effervesce in such a manner, as to cause a violent putrid Fever, and, without almost a Miracle, the certain Death of the Patient: It is true, they may ease the violent Pains of this Distemper, but if at the same time they increase the Inflammation, and Effervescence of the Blood, the Fever proportionably increases, and the poor deluded Patient dies; as too many do by common Practice: Whereas these DROPS dilute and expel what is redundant; whereby the Blood is restored to its natural Crasis, its due Velocity, and Impetus recover'd, the Pains cease, the Fever abates, perfect Health ensues. Besides which by their Alexiterial, Cardiac Qualities, at the same time that they thus encrease the Impetus and Moment of the Fluids, to the Discharge of the Morbific Matter in Perspiration; they also warm and comfort the whole nervous System, assist mightily in repairing the Waste of the animal spirits, occasion'd thereby; which is evident in what has been already said of them concerning the Gout in the Stomach, and Bowels, proceeding from a real Weakness and Decay of Nature.

In short, no Preparation was ever yet found out so suitable to the very Nature of this Distemper as these DROPS; which will plainly appear from the vast number of Certificates of Cures wrought by them every Week, out of which I have thought fit to trouble you with but a few.

THE Dose and manner of ordering your self, is the same as before directed in the Gout; to be varied according to the Distemper, and strength of the Patient's Constitution, from 80, to 150 or 200 Drops, in any convenient Vehicle; which need not be so strong and spiritous as in that Distemper; but must be drank as warm as possible going to Bed, and Covering your self up warm, as before.

CHAP. III. *Of the JAUNDICE.*

TO give you an exact Theory of this Distemper, would take up more room than this short Treatise will admit of: I shall therefore, as I have done by the other Distempers; in the foregoing Chapters, open it so far to you, as to convince you, that these DROPS are the best Specifick (if I may be indulg'd the Term) in the whole Materia Medica, to break thro' it's Schirrous Obstructions, and finally eradicate it and all its dreadful Symptoms out of the humane Body.

This Distemper arises from obstructions in the Glands of the Liver thereby preventing a due Secretion of the Gall from the Blood, by them, in that Viscus, which Bilious Particles circulating therewith gives a Yellow Tincture to the Mucus or Corpus Reticulare spread under the Cuticula, which from thence appears of that Colour: This is the first and common Phase of this Distemper; but it will sometimes and more especially in hard Drinkers, arrive to that height, as to Cause a frequent Spitting and Vomiting of Blood, which is generally reckon'd a Mortal Symptom; for it is caused by the Obstructions in the Hepatic Glands becoming schirrous, and so indurated, as with great Difficulty (if at all) to be opened again; which straitens the Motion of the Blood through that Viscus so much, as to cause it to revulse with a great Motion into the Gastrick Arteries, which go on from the Hepatic, insomuch, that breaking through them, it drains into the Stomach, and by that means the Course of that fluid is alter'd the Secretion of the Bile at an End, and the whole System destroy'd. So that this latter Stage of the Distemper is seldom or never to be cured; but may easily be prevented by taking the former Phase in time; powerfully deterging those tartarous obdurating Particles out of the Blood; which can only be by strong Detergents and Diaphoreticks, (which I have already prov'd to you these DROPS are, and therefore cannot fail of Curing, if taken in time, and followed up, till by a Continuation they become perfect Alteratives:) And if any thing will cure the latter Phase of this Distemper, these DROPS will, having done Wonders in it, even when the Patients have been given over by their Physicians, and the Distemper baffled their utmost Skill.

THE Dose, and manner of ordering your self with them, is before directed, in the Gout.

CHAP. IV. *Of the Stone and Gravel*

THESE are one and the same Distemper, in two several Degrees; the Stone being only concreted Gravel, and the Gravel the Matter whereof the Stone is form'd; and in some what is wash'd off it by powerful Nepritics and Lytholitics; both of them being in their Degree an aggregate of the tartarous Particles of the Urine, pent up by the Straitness of the Urinary Ducts; which is only to be cur'd by dissolving the Stone, widening and deterging the

Passages; and ridding the Blood of those tartarous Particles by Diaphoretics, before the Secretion of Urine is perform'd: All which several Operations these Drops perform to a Wonder, and have, by their Detergent Diuretick Quality, brought away, from several Persons, STONES of the Size of a small Nut Kernel, when every other Remedy has fail'd to give them Ease; and, by being continued afterwards, have cleans'd the Blood of its tartarous Particles, so as to prevent another Fit for many Years.

THE Dose is as in the Gout, in a Cup of White-wine Posset-Drink, Old Hock, Green Tea, or any other potent Diuretic; made very warm, and sweetned with an Ounce of Syrup of Marsh-Mallows, going to Bed immediately on taking them, and they give Ease instantly.

CHAP. V. Of ASTHMAS.

THE prodigious Variety of Causes from whence this Distemper proceeds, in different Constitutions, gives it so many various Species and Degrees, as to render it one of the most difficult Disorders to be skilfully manag'd of any affecting the human Sytem. But the chief sorts are, the Humid, the Dry, and the Nervous Asthma; of each of which I will separately give a few Hints concerning their Causes and Sytems, and then proceeding to the Description of the Effects of these Drops in all those Intentions.

But first, it is necessary to premise what an Asthma is in general; That it is a frequent, difficult, and short Respiration, or Breathing, join'd with a hissing Sound, and a Cough; especially in the Night, in cold Weather, and in a prone Posture, or lying down: The former because the Pressure of the Atmosphere is greater in the Night than in the Day, when the noxious Vapours are exhal'd and dispel'd by the Force of the Sun Beams. In the Night, by reason of the Pores of the Body being contracted by the circumambient Cold, our Transpiration is lessen'd, and consequently a Gravedo or Weight of perspirable Matter eniues; which being flung upon the Lungs, clogs them, and renders them less apt to perform their Office; and in the last Case, from the Pressure which the Contents of the Abdomen, when the Body is in that Posture, make upon the Diaphragm, thereby lessening the Capacity of the Thorax or Breast, so that the Lungs are too much confin'd, and cannot dilate themselves sufficient to receive a due Quantity of Air.

This being premis'd, it will be easily understood, how these several Kinds of Asthmas are produc'd: The first or Humid, call'd also the Pleuritic Asthma, arises from the Redundance of Rheumatic Serum, and viscus Humours in the Blood, which being too thick to pass through the small Fibres of the Lungs stick close to the Sides of those Vessels, and obstruct the Blood in its Circulation; the Parts swell and often ulcerate, with great Pain, feverish Habbits, and difficulty of breathing: Or else the pituitous Particles are spewed out into the Bronchia, especially if not impregnated with a due Pro-

portion of Salts, causing a continual irritating Cough : In both which Cases all inciding Pectorals are good, all Diaphoretics, and whatever attenuates and lessens the Quantity of Serum ; by that means depleting the extended Vessels, and working a Revulsion of the stagnating Humours: Which nothing can better effect than these Drops, which evacuate both by Perspiration and Urine, and are certainly, at the same time, one of the very best Cardiacs in the whole World.

The next Species of this Distemper, is the dry or plethoric Asthma, caus'd either by too great a Repletion of a cachochymious Blood call'd a Plethora, or else by too great a Rarefaction of that Fluid in its Vessels ; so that the fine Canalls of the Lungs are too far distended ; and consequently there is not room enough for the Air to inflate the Vessels, which produces an Inability of Respiration, for want of a due Degree of Expansion in that Viscus: Such Persons are generally crying out for Air ; they always seem as if girted hard upon their Chest, and are almost become Victims to a long Scorbutick Cachetic Habit ; of which this is the last, and oftentimes, for want of proper Remdies apply'd in time, fatal Symptoms ; for in this Case there is no time to use Alteratives, which work but slowly in the Mass of Blood ; whereas, here we want an immediate Assistance ; which can only be obtain'd by a Conjunction of Cardiacs and Diaphoretics, both which Qualities are eminently distinguishable in these Drops ; which can therefore never fail the Intention of Cure in this Distemper.

The Third and last Sort of Asthma I mention'd, was the Nervous ; which is occasion'd by a Deficiency of the Pectoral Muscles, for want of a sufficient Quantity of Spirits to nourish and contract them ; and is the dire Effect of a nervous Atrophy ; and to be remedy'd by high, and vigorous Cardiacs ; to rouse and invigorate decaying Nature, and, as it were, re-enkindle the almost extinguish'd Lamp of Life ; which nothing can perform more effectually than these Drops, which have a prodigious Influence in reviving the drooping Spirits, warming and comforting the Nerves, encreasing the Momentum of the Blood, and doing every other Office requisite to call back the almost fleeting Life, by their admirable Cardiac Quality ; insomuch that many have been restor'd to a Miracle, from even Death's Door by them alone, both in this and other Cases.

THE Dose in all these three Cases, is as before in the Gout, in any convenient Vehicle, but good Mountain Wine is best, if it can be procur'd, made very warm, as before ; and taking Care you do not get Cold after it.

CHAP. VI. Of Colds, Agues, Fevers, &c.

I Put these Distempers all in one Class, because they have a mutual Relation the one to the other, as the Cause has to the Effect, & Econtra, and as different Effects produced from the same Cause have to one another ; for it may generally be allow'd, that

that what we call Colds are the Basis, or Groundwork of most of those Epidemic Fevers, which so commonly rage in this Kingdom: for perspiration being diminish'd thro' a Contraction of the pores, caus'd by the perception of external Cold, the perspirable Matter flies off in a less Quantity than when the pores are more relax'd; and that part thereof which cannot get out, returns back into the Blood, which it heats and irritates more or less, according to the Quantity of Matter retain'd, forcing it to distend it's Vessels, and producing thence frequently a Solutio continuæ, whence follows the Idea of pain in that part, with a Gravedo or Heaviness of the whole Frame, but especially of the diseas'd part; or else, a Coryza or Defluxion of serous, sharp Humours from the Glands of the Head, thro' the Eyes, Nose, Mouth, &c. from whence, if speedy Care is not taken, are engender'd Asthma's, Consumptions, Fevers, &c. and a whole Train of Evils which may be easily and certainly prevented, by a timely Use of some proper Evacuans, which shall by its Diaphoretic Quality, discharge the Blood of its Load of foreign deleterious Matter; and force off the offending Particles thro' the Pores; which we call Sweating: To which Purpose, there is no one Thing in Nature more effectual than these Drops, which are a most powerful Diaphoretic, and never fail of Success in the most stubborn Cold whatever. It is an old and indeed most excellent Maxim.

“venienti occurrere morbo.

Prevent a threatening Disease, for as the English Proverb has it,
A Stitch in Time saves nine.

And so 'tis here, a single Dose seldom or never fails curing a Cold, whereas if you let that Cold grow into a Fever, it may be the Work of several to compleat the Cure; and glad you may be to come off so; for nothing corrupts the Blood more than a Cold, by irritating, and inflaming it to the highest Degree; whence proceed Putrefactions, which if not evacuated by proper Remedies, increase the Fer- vour, and often generate acute, putrid, and malignant Fevers, whose dire Effects daily Examples sufficiently demonstrate to every one's Experience. These deleterious and malignant Particles are therefore to be evacuated, both by augmenting the before diminish'd Perspiration, and the urinary Secretion; for by that means, a great Quantity of them pass off with the discharg'd Serum, and on Courie lessen the Fermentation in the Blood: But unless at the same Time, you use proper Cardiacs to refresh Nature, she will sink under this vast Burthen, for the Hurry and Heat the Blood is in, necessarily consumes a vast Quantity of the animal Spirits, which decaying faster than Nature can possibly return them, she must certainly fall beneath the prodigious Weight, unless reliev'd by some auxiliary Force. Now as I have often mention'd before these Drops are both Diaphoretic, Diuretic, and Cardiac; containing in themselves all those three great Qualities, absolutely necessary in a compleat Febrilege, and themselves by the Blessing of God effect a perfect Cure without the help of any other Medicine.

As for Agues they are only the Intermissions of Fevers, the cold Fit being only an accidental, and not an essential Property thereunto; so that as they are properly a Species of a Fever, they are to be treated after the same Manner, and the Method and Intention of Cure, is the very same; and if so then consequently, the same Remedy that prevails against one, cannot fail in the other.

And here, I cannot omit mentioning one peculiar Property in these Drops, sufficient of its self to recommend them effectually to all the reasonable Part of Mankind; who are not wedded to methodical Error; and that is, their most powerful Energy in clearing the Blood from the Dregs of that fashionable (but in many Cases pernicious) Drug the Bark of Peru; commonly call'd, The Jesuites Bark. This is the publick Asylum of Mankind, the Panacea of the World, the sovereign and universal Orvietem against all the Diseases of Pandora's Box, and what not, in the Opinion of those valetudinarian Wretches, who dare not eat a Meal's Meat, open a Chamber Window, or so much as go to Stool, without the Leave of their Physician; whose constant Prescription is still the Bark, in some Form or other: If Madam has got a Fit of the Vapours, the Bark will cheer her Spirits; If she has taken too plentiful a Dose of Ratifea, the Bark will make her as sober as a Nun; If she is Lovesick, the Bark is to moderate her Desires; and if she's in the raging Fever of Jealousy, the Bark is to make her believe that her Husband is as constant as a Turtle: In short, whenever the Privy-Councillor of Health is at a Loss what to do for his Guinea, he persuades his Patient she has an Intermitting Fever, and Bark is the Word to save the Expence of further thinking. Now by this you may judge, whether this gigantic Protean Drug, which is whimsically apply'd to so many chimerical Evils, is of any valuable Use, any substantial Benefit to Mankind in real Disorders, and Maladies, arising from a vitiated State of the Fluids. We seldom play with serious Matters, nor make Children Rattles of Diamonds. One learned Practitioner says, the Bark is a violent Styptic, and Astringent; another, it is solutive, and will of its self, without proper Alteratives, pass immediately downwards; One says it consists of a fix'd Salt. another of a volatile, and a third that it is a Composite of both: One that it gives a Spur to the intestine Motion of the Blood; another that it locks up every Thing in the Blood, Some and those of Note too assert, that if given in large Quantities, it will by 'tis attenuating Property create an Anasarca, or Dropsy; others that it is itself sufficient if taken in Time to cure a Dropsy: One forbids the Use of it in Rheumatick Fevers, for fear it's attenuating Virtue rarefy the Mass of Blood, and thereby enlarge the Dimensions of it's Vessels, so far, as to occasion an Aneurisma or Rupture, or at least greatly encrease the Idea of pain, of which Opinion, are no less Men then the famous Morton and Sydenham; whereas another later practitioner, no ways inferior to either, by all means indicates the Bark in this Case, grounding his Notion upon Reason, and to use his own Words, condemning and changing the common and trite but deceitful Method of Practice by Observation.

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Now if this be the Case, that these great and learned Men cannot agree among themselves, neither as to the Nature, nor Effect of this magical Drug; is it not greatly to be fear'd, and that with very good Reason, that if one is mistaken, they may all of them be so; the Consequence whereof will be, that this famous panacea, like the Jay in the Fable, strip't of all it's borrow'd pomp, will appear to be of no other Use, but to fill up the Variety of Nature's Works, receiving a value only from Opinion, grounded on the Weakness of one part of the World, and the Wiliness of the other.

But if there be any Virtue in this Drug, the Taste itself seems to point it out to be Styptic, and Astringent, which is also generally allow'd by all who have any Skill in it; while for Fashion sake they admit of other Qualities, as it were by prescriptive Right; and for Interest invent new ones to authorize it's Administration in some present Necessary: Now, if once it is allow'd, the Bark is Styptic and Astringent, it points out directly to the Manner of it's Operation and Effect; in seemingly giving a Turn to some certain periodical Exacerbations; for which it is more generally administer'd, as intermitting Fevers, Hemicranes, Hemoptoes, Epilepsies, and Hysterics; which says a great and learned Author, are to be reliev'd by the Cortex only; but what Way is this Relief to be had? why, says the same Author, the Cortex locks up the febrile Ferment in the Blood; and, says he, in another Place, If Catharticks be given soon after it they make the Type of the Fever return in it's old Shape, for when the Bark is carried off, what locks up the Distemper? From whence I conclude, that this mighty Medicine, like a cunning Mountebank, deludes us with plausible Appearances, and instead of really working a Cure, only postpones the Exacerbation, it may be for a Week, or a Fortnight, by locking the Cause up in the Veins; which upon any accidental Cold, little Irregularity, or imprudent Management, breaks out again with double Violence; the Consequence whereof is not seldom attended with the Death of the Patient, as common Experience daily confirms; unless with Morton you continue dosing your Patient with it every ten Days, till the next Syzygy; or else with another great Physician give him as much after the Distemper is taken off as was sufficient to take it off in order to prevent a Return, supposing that

que facta liberant, si ante fiant, prohibent.

And pray what must the Consequence of this be; why, the Mass of Blood is impregnated with so prodigious a Quantity of Styptic Particles, that the Price you pay for your imaginary Cure is a valetudinary State as long as you live; becoming entail'd upon your Physician, as much as his Patrimony, since few that have been weak enough to be persuaded into this Habit, have the Resolution to get rid of the Poyson afterwards, unless by the same Hand that gave it them: whereas would they be wise at last, and get rid of their troublesome, dangerous Inmate as soon as they can, by deteging and cleansing their Blood; they might in time, by the Blessing of providence, restore that Fluid to it's natural Crasis, and by Degrees, overcome the malevolent Effects of their fashionable physic, for which purpose, as well as the other In-

tentions

tentions in this Treatise, these Drops have been greatly commended by several who have happily experienc'd their Effects; and those among the learned World, of both our Universities, and by their recommendation in this very Intention to the World, for the general good of Mankind.

CHAP. VII. *Of the other VIRTUES* *of these DROPS.*

Hitherto I have laid before you the particular Effects of these Drops, in particular Cases; and that not by a dogmatical Assertion of their Virtues, or any canting Declaration of their specific Influence, and occult Qualities, Terms only serving to cover Ignorance and Imposition: But I have carry'd you thro' all the Meanders of Nature, in her several Turns and Windings, in her several various Phases, and Symptomaticl Appearances upon every Case affecting the humane System; which this noble and efficacious Medicine is capable of searching; And from thence drawn such easy and rational Conclusions upon their Operations, as to make it visible to every Capacity that has but the least Notion of the Connexion between Causes and their Effects, &c. that they cannot fail in the several Intentions wherein they are advis'd; a Task which not any Self-Interest, nor any sinister View of serving my own Turn, has in the least indu'd me to; but purely the universal Good of Mankind, and Charity to my Fellow Creatures; as is plainly evident from the establish'd Reputation these Drops have already gain'd in the World, the surprizing Cures they have wrought, and the vast Quantities of them sold throughout the whole Kingdom: So that, there was no Occasion upon any of these Accounts to have been either at the Trouble or Charge of this Treatise, but purely to convince Gainsayers of their admirable Nature and Efficacy in the Intentions aforementioned, to inform the ignorant of the Nature of their several Cases, and where they may meet with a speedy, certain, and safe Cure for their respective Maladies. And lastly, to assure the whole World that these Drops are no Quack Preparation of Drugs injudiciously mixt and jumbled together, without either Art or Design, but such as are grounded on both, and carefully suited to answer the several Intentions to which they are design'd; which any one capable of forming a right Judgment of Things, may on the reading this short Treatise, be sufficiently convinc'd of: Wherefore I shall enlarge no further on this Subject, only to assure you, that besides the several foregoing Intentions, these Drops are also wondrous in their stopping Diarrheas and fluxes of all Kinds; Vomitings, Hemoptoes, and other dangerous unnatural Discharges which weaken and destroy the entire humane System; They give immediate Ease in Colics of what Kind soever, whether Stone, Wind, Bilious or Hystric; raise the languishing Frame of Nature in Consumptions, and Marasmi, if taken before the Lungs are entirely corrupted, raise and cheer the Spirits in melancholly Despondency, Hypochondriac and Hy-

Hysteric Vapours; give a new Life in all Paralytic Evils; restoring Sense and Motion to the almost perish'd Limb; They bring out the Small Pox, Measles and Rashes, to a Wonder; cure the Rickets in Children, ease After-Pains, prevents Miscarriages to a Miracle, and are in short the greatest Restorer and Strengtheners of Nature in the whole World.

Note, No Person ever yet afflicted with the most violent Cough and Cold, took this Medicine, but what hath been cured by taking one Bottle only.

A Printed Bill of Directions is given with each Bottle.

Here follows some few, out of the many Thousands of Certificates of Cures effected by these DROPS; which Certificates are not extorted by any sinister Means; but they are the true, genuine and spontaneous Declarations which the Persons receiving Benefit from these Drops have voluntarily made to let the World know their great Efficacy and Virtue; many of which Persons who have been violently and grievously afflicted with intollerable Pains, &c. have beg'd for God's sake, that it might be publish'd for the Good of Mankind, That these Drops alone restored them to their Health and Strength.

I Gregory Cripwell, of Bunny, near Nottingham, was for a long time grievously troubled with the Rheumatism, and had not the least Use of one Limb or Joint about me, insomuch that I have often desir'd to dye to be out of my Misery: All the Medicines that I took was to no Purpose: At length, by the Advice of Sir Thomas Parkyns, of Bunny abovesaid, Barr. I took a Dose of Dr. Bateman's Drops, and immediately found Ease, and slept the greater part of the Night, tho' I had not slept for above a Week before, and am now, blessed be God, as well as ever I was in my Life.

Witness my Hand, June 4. 1729.

George Cripwell.

We whose Names are under-written, are Witnesses to the Truth of the abovesaid Certificate.

Sir Thomas Parkyns, Barr. Nathaniel Henson, Thomas Henson, Thomas Lineker, John Lineker, Thomas Hornbuckle, Henry Shephard, Joseph Street, John Shephard, John Brown, * George Smith, Henry Cooper, Humphrey Wainwright.

* This Man was cur'd of the Ague by taking one Dose only.

I Mary Treslove, Box-dice-maker in Northampton, was for many Years afflicted with intollerable Pains in the Back, not inferior to those I had felt in Travail. I could find no Relief, till I made use of Dr. Bateman's Pectoral Drops, Two Doses of which entirely freed me from all my pain and Misery.

Mary Treslove,

I Richard Row of Moulton-Marall Lodge, in the County of Warwick, was for many Months troubled with a Third Day Ague and Fever, and could find no Relief, 'till I made use of Dr. Bateman's Drops, which restor'd me to my former Strength.

Richard Row.

I Mary Wright of Stapleton in Leicestershire, was for many Years troubled with the Rheumatism, insomuch that I had entirely lost the Use of one Arm. Tongue could not express my pain, physicians could do me no good; but blessed be God, Bateman's Drops eas'd me of all my pains. Witness my Hand,

Mary Wright.

I William Kempion, Farrier, of Dainton in Northamptonshire, had lost the Use of my Arms with the Rheumatism, and could find no Relief 'till I took Dr. Bateman's Drops, which perfectly restor'd me to the Use of my Limbs.

Witness,

William Kempion.

I Edward Thirst of Rushden in Northamptonshire, was brought so low with an Ague, that I could not walk cross the Room; and no Medicine did me any good, 'till I took Dr. Bateman's Drops, which restor'd me to my former Strength.

Edward Thirst.

I Robert Abbott, Servant to Mr. Martin of Cotesbrook in Northamptonshire, having lost the Use of my Limbs by a Numbness or dead Palsy, was restor'd to my former Strength by Dr. Bateman's Drops.

Robert Abbott.

I William Emlee of Shaftsbury, having been for above ten Years past so violently afflicted with the Gout, that my Life was burthensome to me, was restor'd to perfect Health and Strength by Dr. Bateman's Drops, and can ride or walk as well as ever.

William Emlee

I Robert Hinton of Shaftsbury hath been for near twenty Years past grievously afflicted with the Gout and Rheumatism, and for the last five Years was forc'd to use Crutches, and liv'd in continual Pain and Misery, in spite of all the Physicians or Remedies that could be procur'd for Money; was by Dr. Bateman's Drops restored to the Use of my Limbs, and I thank God I have now thrown away my Crutches.

Robert Hinton.

The following Letter came from Mr. Johnson of Chelsea.

HAVING for a long time been violently troubled with the Gout and Rheumatism, I was adv'ed to make use of Dr. Batemans Drops, which I did, and, to my great Surprise, and the Wonder of my Friends, in two Hours I found so much Ease, that I thought my self in Paradise; and (blessed be God)

God)